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CADETS PRESENT REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

St Paul, MN--Members of the Minnesota Wing delivered the Civil Air Patrol Annual Report to Congress to members of the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives on 9 May 2002. The entourage of cadets, seniors, sponsor members, and parents were introduced on the floor of both legislative bodies by lawmakers with strong ties to Civil Air Patrol and then personally delivered more than 200 reports to each member of the Senate and House.

The members met with Senator LeRoy Stumpf, founding member of the Thief River Falls Squadron, who made their introduction on the Senate floor and highlighted Civil Air Patrol's participation in the events of 11 September, as well as other areas of areas of interest in the Report. Rep. Chris Gerlach, a Spaatz cadet, did the same on the House floor and offered his office as a staging area. The members had the opportunity to listen to both sessions before meeting the legislators and distributing the Reports, exposing them to the day-to-day work of their state government.

Members of the North Hennepin Squadron, located in Crystal, were able to meet and talk with their Representatives, Lyndon Carlson and Mark Thompson, as well as their Senator, Ann Rest. The members hope to develop stronger ties to their legislators and encourage them to become legislative members of Civil Air Patrol.

The members of Minnesota Wing who participated on the event were: Col Kevin Sliwinski, Capt Marcel Derosier, 1st Lt Mark Steeves, Cadet Kevin Pieper, Cadet Benjamin Hartzell, Cadet James Hartzell, Cadet Amy Broekema, Cadet Amy Her, Sponsor Member, Mrs. Kathy Broekema, and parent, Mrs. Vicki Pieper.

- Capt Marcel Derosier



Cadet Amy Broekema presents Senator LeRoy Stumpf of Thief River Falls a copy of the Civil Air Patrol Annual Report to Congress.



Cadets of the North Hennepin Squadron and Minnesota Wing Honor Guard pose with their legislators outside their office. (Front) Representative Mark Thompson (46A), Cadet Amy Her, Cadet Benjamin Hartzell, Representative Lyndon Carlson (46B), (Back) Cadet Kevin Pieper, Cadet Amy Broekema, Cadet James Hartzell.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE Major Tom Vashro 1951-2002

Major Tom Vashro, a long time member of Viking Squadron passed away while jogging on Monday, May 20th. The memorial service was held on Wednesday May 22nd. Many members of the wing attended to show support to Tom's Family. Major Shannon Bauer wrote and Major Stan Kegel presented a stirring eulogy to him. It is in the May issue of WingTips Plus.

"I had the privilege of working with Tom when I became commander of Group III. Tom at that time was the commander of Viking. I will always remember Tom's gentle demeanor and positive attitude. But what I will remember the most was his unwavering dedication to you, the Viking Squadron. He enjoyed being associated with you. He was proud of all your accomplishments over the years. Tom played a big part in them. CAP was a big part of his life and I am certain his loss will be felt. In these trying times it is difficult for us to understand the why and how's of events that change our life. Really it's not ours to understand. It is ours to try, somehow, to accept and move forward. Most of us are in this organization to serve, to make a difference. Tom Vashro made a difference. I know he did to me. May God bless you during these trying times." - Major Tom Kettell.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Colonel Dale Hoium
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I recently saw the new lettering on our aircraft. "USAF AUX" on the veridical stabilizer and the Corporate Emblem on the doors. With this addition, I would like to call upon all our aircrews to bring our professionalism up another notch.

This was done as part of the new relationship with the Air Force along with our entry into Homeland Security. The general public, law enforcement and the media will notice this addition. We must make sure we are meeting uniform and grooming standards. We must make sure we are proficient as well as following all the rules with an extra margin of safety.

Homeland security is certainly a part of our history. As National Headquarters and the Air Force work out our tasking, there are things we can and should be doing right now. Every Squadron Commander and ES officer should meet with the local sheriff and Emergency Management Director. Let them know what your unit can do for them. MN Wing is doing this on the state level, however the local unit and the local government need to have a working relationship. Homeland security starts at home.

The Department of Aeronautics has announced an "adopt and airport" program. This should be of interest to units based at airports. Talk to the airport manager, they can contact the Department of Aeronautics for further information. It is similar to the adopt a highway program, although more than one group can adopt an airport. One of the duties you could do is help secure the airport as part of Homeland Security.

Now is when you should be checking your 101 cards, make sure your training and cards are up to date in every way. Pilots should make sure they are current and have all the required flight checks and paperwork on file. Check over your van, oil changed, brakes checked, everything in working order?

Our commitment is to be ready if and when we are needed. Now is the time to prepare and get everything in order not ten minutes after we are called out.

In the May Issue of WingTips Plus!

North Hennepin Celebrates Space Day
Honor Guard Shines at Wing Conference
NCR Chaplain Staff College
Observer Training at Red Wing
ES Trainers Learn New Skills
Color Guard Opens Aviation Hall of Fame

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PROMOTIONS & MILESTONES

St Croix Squadron:

Majors Bill Rutten and Rory Suzuki to Lt Col

Viking Squadron:

C/2d Lt Andrew Atkins to C/1st Lt
Capt. Deanne Otto, May 2002

St Paul Squadron:

Cadet CMSgt St. John to C/2d Lt
2d Lt Mike Rehbein to 1st Lt
SM Cliff Tamplin to 1st Lt
2d Lt John Vadnais to 1st Lt.
SM Matt Barrett to 2d Lt



C/Capt Sonja Rostad and C/Capt Jared Thompson of the SE Minnesota Squadron received their Earhart Award from the Minnesota Wing Commander, Col Dale Hoium.

At the close of the awards ceremony C/Capt Rostad became the Cadet Commander for the SE Minnesota Squadron.



C/2d Lt's Kevin Pieper, Mark Pomerleau, Benjamin Hartzell, and James Hartzell of the North Hennepin Squadron received the General Billy Mitchell Award on 7 May 2002.

Major Thomas Kettell, Group III Commander, presented the Award to each of the recipients in front of the membership, parents, and special guests.

130th Cadet Receives AF ROTC Scholarship

C/2d Lt Anthony Prose of the 130th Composite Squadron has received a "full ride" Scholarship to St Thomas and was accepted in the AF ROTC program. He is one of only two students to be selected for this honor. During a recent meeting (5-8-02) he spoke about this to our members and said this was 100% due to his participation in Civil Air Patrol.

- Capt Jay Craswell



Training and Mission Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

The Minnesota Wing Headquarters is building a new facility on South St. Paul Airport (Fleming Field). The facility will be available for use by the entire wing for leadership and mission training. The building will also be used for the centralized maintenance of all of the wing mission aircraft. Offices of the Minnesota Wing Headquarters will be located in this facility.

To pay for the construction and maintenance of the building, the Wing is establishing a fund and accepting donations. We will be soliciting funds from members, friends, foundations and other sources. To provide recognition for those who donate, four levels of recognition are established. Those who donate \$25 or more will have their names on a plaque near the door of the building and their names will be in the dedication program. Those who donate \$250 or more will also have a granite paver leading to the flagpole. Those who donate \$500 or more will receive a Sponsor Member certificate from National Headquarters. And those donating \$1,000 or more will have an elaborate granite paver around the flagpole.

The granite pavers are an excellent way for units, relatives and friends to recognize and honor outstanding CAP members. The standard paver will have three lines of text with 19 characters (including spaces) engraved on it. The elaborate paver will have a more elaborate design of the donor's choosing.

The fund drive was kicked off at the Wing Conference and donation forms are available on the wing web site. Forms can also be requested from Wing Headquarters or Col. Sliwinski at (952) 884-9961. Please fill out both sides of the form, include the donor's name, address, and phone number.

If a donor does not have a form they may send the donation to Wing Headquarters/FM, P.O. Box 11230, St. Paul, MN 55111-0230 with a contact phone number so that we can call them to get the information we need.

- Col Kevin Sliwinski

The fundraising leaflet and drawings of the new buildings can be downloaded from the Minnesota Wing Website:
http://www.mnwg.cap.gov/pa/releases/02_02.pdf

CAP Members Get Married at Wing Conference

On Friday May 2nd 1st Lt Tracy Brooks and Capt Doug Mitchell were married at the Breezy Point Resort. Many CAP and family members attended the afternoon Service.



Lt Col Roger Brogren, St Croix Sqdn Commander gave away the bride and 1st Lt Brian Freseman was the best man. Chaplain (Lt Col) Don Mikitta presided at the service. The Minnesota Wing Honor Guard provided ceremonial support including a guard of honor and a saber arch.

Pictures from the wedding are in this month's issue of WingTips Plus!

Anoka Cadet Appointed to US Air Force Academy

C/2d Lt Chelsea Herzfeld has been accepted at the United States Air Force Academy. She will report June 24 to start her training. Herzfeld is a graduate of Irondale High School class of 2002.



Cadet Herzfeld has been a member of the Anoka Co. Composite Squadron for 2 years. During this time Cadet Herzfeld has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. As a leader she has been Color Guard Commander competing statewide. The result was her team finished in a tie for 3rd place in State Color Guard Competition. Cadet Herzfeld has also been a Flight Commander at Black Cap Emergency Services College, where she received an award for outstanding leadership.

Cadet Herzfeld was selected to participate in the State Drill Team, which went all the way to 4th place in National Cadet Competition This team required excellent performance in marching, athletic competition, and aerospace knowledge. Cadet Herzfeld excelled in all areas.

This past summer Herzfeld attended the Flight Academy where she learned to fly. She has soloed and is well on her way to her Private Pilot license.

In the short time Cadet Herzfeld has been a member of CAP she has risen to the top in areas of leadership, peer respect, and reliability.

- Capt Don Sorenson

MINNESOTA WING CALENDAR

THE CALENDAR IS ON THE WING WEBSITE AT
WWW.MNWG.CAP.GOV/CALENDAR

JUNE 2002

- 1-30 USCG Auxiliary Joint Training
- 6 Flight Clinic, Red Wing Squadron
- 7-9 Ground Team SAREX
- 7-9 Mission Pilot Check-ride, Unit Based
- 8 Flight Clinic, North Hennepin Squadron
- 14-15 NCR Conference Des Moines, IA
- 15-23 Cadet Encampment, Grand Forks AFB, ND
- 16 St Croix Squadron Pancake Breakfast
- 16 Grand Rapids Sqdn Pancake Breakfast
- 16 Hutchinson Squadron Pancake Breakfast
& Pork Chop Supper
- 22 Flight Academy CFI course, Mankato Airport
- 28-30 Wing SAREX, Group 4, location TBA

JULY 2002

- 12-20 Minnesota Flight Academy, Mankato Airport
- 16 Model Rocketry Comp, 130th Sqdn, Webster Airport
- 24-25 AFA MN Homeland Security,
Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington
- 26-28 Wing SAREX, Group 2, location TBA

Aerospace Education News

Col Kevin Sliwinski

Did your unit participate in the Aerospace Excellence program? Tell me about it in your July 10th quarterly report or send me an e-mail at: dcst.mnwg.cap@juno.com.

Look to the sky: The constellations and stars that I wrote about last month are still visible; however, you will not be able to see them until later in the evening because the sun sets later. The earth is tilted on its axis in relation to the sun so that as the earth moves around the sun in its orbit, the sun appears to move north and south of the equator. The sun reaches its northern most point on June 21st causing that day to be the longest day of the year for us. June 21st is called the summer solstice and is the first day of summer.

The Stratofortress celebrates its golden anniversary. The first flight of the YB-52 was 15 April 1952.

Congratulations to SM. Jeffrey Cassel of the Worthington Sq. for completing the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members (AEPMS). He will be receiving the Brigadier General Charles (Chuck) Yeager Award for this accomplishment.

Wing HQ Inspected by CAP and USAF

Minnesota Wing received a "Satisfactory" on the Compliance Inspection held 18 & 19 May 2002. The inspection was conducted by a joint team from CAP National HQ and CAP-USAF.

The team spent 5 days with Minnesota Wing inspecting every mission area (Aerospace, Cadets and Emergency Services.) A Staff Assistance Visit from the CAP-USAF North Central Liaison Region preceded the inspection.

"I appreciate the professionalism and courtesy shown our team by the Minnesota Wing" said Colonel Dudley Hargrove, CAP's Inspector General.

"Areas that were commendable were noted as well as ones that we need to fix. I would like to thank everyone involved in this inspection for the time they spent in preparation." Said Colonel Dale Hoium, Wing Commander.



Cadet Encampment
15-23 June
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